

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
PALLIATIVE CARE AND QUALITY OF LIFE
February 15, 2019**

Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)
The RSA Tower, Suite 1586
Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present

Rodney O. Tucker, M.D., M.M.M., Chair
Karen Marlowe, Pharm.D., Co-Chair (teleconference)
Kristi A. Acker, D.N.P. (teleconference)
Gregory W. Ayers, M.D.
John G. Beard, M.B.A.
Richard J. Brockman, J.D.
Leigh Ann Matthews, M.S.N.
Timothy Mayhall, M.Div.
Amy L. McAfee, M.S.W.
Mary Ann Somers, M.A.Ed.

Members Absent

Stormy Dismuke, M.S.N.
Jimel LeShun Gibbs, M.S.N.
John P. Miller, M.D.

Staff Present

Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H., State Health Officer
Dana Billingsley, J.D., Office of General Counsel
Dennis Blair, Bureau of Health Provider Standards (BHPS)
Diane A. Mann, BHPS
LaKesha E. Hopkins, BHPS

Guests Present

Marilyn Bulloch, Pharm.D.
Stacie Sinclair, M.P.P.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2018:

The Council recommended approval of the Minutes of November 16, 2018, as distributed;
the motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER:

Dr. Rodney Tucker welcomed Leigh Ann Matthews as a new Council member who
represents the Alabama Durable Medical Equipment Association.

OPIOID PRESCRIBING AND REGULATION UPDATES:

Dr. Gregory Ayers provided an update on the opioid epidemic, informing the Council that Alabama's status had not changed. He also informed the Council that the current rules and prescribing regulations are public.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM (PDMP) PATIENT FACT SHEET:

Dr. Karen Marlowe discussed the list of *Frequently Asked Questions* that she and Nancy Bishop, Director of the PDMP with ADPH, have been creating. She asked the Council to provide feedback for the final draft prior to the next meeting.

DISCUSSION OF PALLIATIVE CARE DEFINITION AND APPROVAL (EXHIBIT "A"):

Dr. Tucker distributed a handout with his proposed new definition of palliative care to put on the ADPH website. The Council reviewed and conferred on the definition. A motion was made to approve the new definition; the motion carried unanimously.

STATEWIDE PALLIATIVE CARE FORUM AND CENTER TO ADVANCE PALLIATIVE CARE UPDATE (CAPC) (EXHIBIT "B"):

Ms. Stacie Sinclair, Senior Policy Manager of the Center to Advance Palliative Care, gave a presentation on the Overview of State and National Palliative Care Activities. She distributed a booklet and informed the Council of the CAPC link to include on the website which provides patients and families with more information and resources on palliative care.

OTHER MEMBER DISCUSSION:

Dr. Tucker informed the Council that they would receive more information regarding the rules on the Orders for Pediatric Palliative and End of Life Care.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Friday, May 10, 2019.

Rodney O. Tucker, M.D., M.M.M., Chair
State Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life

John H. Wagner, III, M.D., Medical Director
Bureau of Health Provider Standards
Alabama Department of Public Health

Approved May 10, 2019